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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., a Senator from the State of Pennsylvania.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Henry Holley, Billy Graham Evangelical Association of Marietta, GA.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

"Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord."

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who made and sustained us as a Nation, we bow before Thee at this hour. Thou art our refuge and strength and a very present help in time of trouble.

Today, I pray for all those in authority and especially for the Senators of this great institution. I ask that You give them wisdom and blessing this day, to make decisions that would strengthen and prosper our Nation.

Thank You for Your grace and protection over our beloved United States of America. Cause us to know that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. May we be renewed in mind and spirit so we can be a channel of Thy love to others. Thank You for the promise that someday every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God.

With respect for persons of other faiths, I humbly make my prayer in the Name of my Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD.)

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., a Senator from the State of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CASEY thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today following whatever time the leaders might utilize, the Senate will be in a period of morning business for 1 hour, the first 30 minutes will be for the majority, the second 30 minutes will be for the Republicans. Once morning business closes, under a previous order, the Senate will return to executive session and conclude the debate on the Casey nomination. Up to 30 minutes of debate is in order, and that time will be equally divided and controlled between Senators LEVIN and MCCAIN. At the end of that time, the Senate will conduct a

rollcall vote on confirming the nomination.

Through the Chair, I direct a question to my distinguished counterpart, the Senator from Kentucky. I would like to take about 10 minutes prior to the vote on Casey. We can put that in the order now, if you would like to also do that, and reserve that time, at least, whether you decide to do that or not. Shall we reserve the time?

Mr. MCCONNELL. I say to my friend, the majority leader, that will be fine. I may or may not use that time.

Mr. REID. I ask the request be amended to allow the last 20 minutes of the debate be equally divided between the Republican leader and me, and I will take the final 10 minutes prior to the vote.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. After the confirmation vote, the Senate will proceed to the continuing funding resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Georgia.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I pause for a moment to pay tribute and welcome Rev. Henry Holley, our Chaplain of the day. It is a special occasion for me because this is personal. I have known Henry Holley for 30 years, his beautiful wife Betty and his daughter Debbie, who are with us today. I have known him in many ways. I would like the Senate to know, first of all, that this is a U.S. marine. For 22 years, he served the United States of America in the Marine Corps and retired in 1966, upon which time he joined the Billy Graham organization and for the last 40 years has traveled 12 million miles to countries around the world. He leads now the Graham evangelical organization throughout the Pacific rim. His reach is so important that it is countless millions of people. One evening in

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